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MEMBERSHIP

Please consider joining or renewing your annual membership in 2014. We thank you for your continued support!

NCAG Members and Donors receive 10% off eligible events and gallery purchases; each membership/donation over \$25 will receive a T-shirt featuring our logo. Members/Donors will also receive newsletters and invitations to exhibitions and other NCAG sponsored events.

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NEW CENTURY ART GUILD

New Century Art Guild is a non-profit arts organization co-founded by veterans and artists. Our mission is to promote the career development of emerging and established artists, especially those of military veterans that seek new careers in the creative arts.

Updates

Little Mermaid Trail Dedication

On the morning of November 29, 2013 the dedication of the Hans Christian Andersen Sculpture Garden and Kimballton Town Park improvements was held in Kimballton, IA. Despite the chilly morning, approximately 30 people attended. MC was Annette Andersen, who was instrumental in fundraising along with Jill Madsen, Pat Crosley, Dr. Scott Smith and sculptor Troy J. Muller of Omaha. The Little Mermaid Trail Committee was the project coordinator. -(Harlan Tribune) ■



Bronze "Snow Queen" sculpture.

Veterans Appreciation and Open House a Big Success!

On the Sunday before Veterans Day, 2013 NCAG held its 2nd Annual Open House and Veteran Appreciation event.



The "Polka Police" perform for a full house at Cottonwood Barn.

Two art galleries on Kimballton's Main Street were open to view veterans' artwork including: Tracy Stambaugh (Air Force), Ronee Smith (Army National Guard) and Bart Vargas (Air Force). NCAG Art Director Troy Muller's artwork also remained on view and a tasting of local wines was held in the gallery. A chili cook-off was held at the Cottonwood Barn where cooks vied for the

top three prizes. Winning chilies were determined by having the most donations collected in nearby buckets. Proceeds went to NCAG's student and veteran art scholarships. Entertainment was provided by Loren Christensen on acoustic guitar and the widely popular singing duo the "Polka Police". This family-friendly event was free and open to the public. ■

Preparations Underway for an Iraq Art Exhibit

NCAG will sponsor an international exhibit featuring Iraqi and American artists beginning on Memorial Day weekend during the Danish Villages' celebration of Tivoli Fest. The exhibit comes from the Iraq Art Project in Minneapolis and will be on view until September. (Continued on PAGE 2)



ARTIST HIGHLIGHT

Tracy Stambaugh

Color and black and white photographer Tracy Stambaugh displayed a series of artworks in the Guild Gallery that represent Americana in the Midwest. Tracy was born and raised in Omaha, NE. After high school, he joined the Air Force and was a Law Enforcement troop with the Security Police; in service from 1995-1999. He was primarily stationed at Scott AFB, IL but spent time in Saudi Arabia and Spain. He said that the military taught him, among many other things, to pay attention to detail -- a quality necessary to take good photographs. Tracy said that although he was relatively new to photography as an art form, and after picking up a professional-level camera only about two years ago, he has become completely infatuated with it: "I'm constantly thinking about it, reading about it, looking at others' work... I even dream about it. I never want to miss an opportunity



Photographer, Tracy Stambaugh

to take a great photo, I carry my camera everywhere I go. I take photos of anything that catches my eye. I also enjoy coming up with ideas and experimenting, anything as long as I'm pushing that shutter button." He said he appreciated the opportunity to exhibit in the NCAG gallery to get feedback and valuable insight from gallery visitors. Tracy said his first goal is to finish school. He said, "I'm considering starting a home photography business, but want to find a niche, something that sets me apart from the rest. ■